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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN

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1. WITH FONMIN AND HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT IN NEW YORK
AND SECGEN ON VACATION, DCM SEPTEMBER 26 RAISED KOREAN QUESTION
WITH ACTING HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT TORNUEDD.

2. DCM TOLD TORNUEDD THAT FROM SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS WITH
FONMIN MATTILA IN AUGUST AND DEPUTY SECRETARY'S TALK WITH
MATTILA IN SEPTEMBER, MINISTRY WELL AWARE IMPORTANCE US
ATTACHES TO DISCUSSION OF KOREAN QUESTION IN 30TH UNGA.
DEPARTMENT HAD RECENTLY INFORMED ALL EMBASSIES THAT KOREA
IS SIGNLE GA ITEM MOST IMPORTANT TO THE US THIS YEAR. TORNUEDD
TOLD OF US EFFORTS REPEND TO PREVIOUS UNGA DESIRES FOR DIS-
SOLVING UN COMMAND SUBJECT ONLY TO ASSURANCE THAT ARMISTICE
WOULD BE MAINTAINED.

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3. DCM REMARKED THAT UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION SEEMED TO

LACK DUE REGARD FOR MAINTENANCE FOR PEACE IN KOREA.
THE RESOLUTION DOES NOT PROVIDE MECHANISM FOR
MAINTAINING ARMISTICE, SEEKS TO BYPASS ONE OF THE TWO
PARTIES MOST CONCERNED, NAMELY THE ROK, AND FINALLY
ATTACKS THE BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THE ROK FINDS
NECESSARY TO INSURE STABILITY IN THE AREA. DCM SAID
THAT US SIMPLY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND IF FINLAND'S AFTER CON-
SISTENTLY ABSTAINING ON THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN WERE NOW
TO CHANGE ITS POSITION AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE SERIOUSLY
DEFECTIVE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION.

4. TORNUDD REPLIED THAT HE SAW NO LIKELIHOOD OF FINLAND
CHANGING THIS CONSISTENT POSITION. DCM REMARKED THAT,
WHILE IT WAS A TENANT OF FINNISH FOREIGN POLICY TO STAY
OUT OF GREAT POWER CONFLICTS AND PRESERVE NEUTRALITY, IT WAS
ALSO A TENANT OF FINNISH FOREIGN POLICY THAT FINLAND
WAS NOT NEUTRAL IN QUESTIONS OF WAR AND PEACE. IF FINLAND
FELT IT COULD NOT VOTE IN FAVOR OF US RESOLUTION OR AGAINST
UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION CONSISTENT WITH ITS LONG
STANDING
POLICY, IT SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO SHOW IT WAS NOT
NEUTRAL IN QUESTIONS OF WAR AND PEACE BY SPEAKING OUT IN
DEBATE IN FAVOR OF ARRANGEMENTS TO INSURE THE MAINTENANCE
OF THE ARMISTICE. TORNUDD CONFINED HIS REMARKS TO SAYING THAT
THE US REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERED.
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